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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE TO RELAX SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA

REF: STATE 158486

1. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE WITH GENERAL SOMOZA MORNING AUGUST 13. SINCE GON HAS NOT YET RECEIVED VENEZUELAN PROPOSAL, THE AMBASSADOR SHOWED SOMOZA A COPY OF THE SPANISH TEXT TRANSMITTED IN CARACAS 6762.

2. AFTER READING PROPOSAL, SOMOZA EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE RIO TREATY. HE OBSERVED THAT ADVANTAGES OF RIO TREATY TO NICARAGUA AND OTHER LA COUNTRIES CLEARLY OUTWEIGHED ANY DISADVANTAGES OR INCONVENIENCES IT MIGHT AT TIMES PRESENT. IT WAS THEREFORE IN THE INTEREST OF ALL TO MAINTAIN ITS FULL FORCE AND INTEGRITY.
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SINCE SOMOZA VIEWED THE VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE AS

JEOPARDIZING THE TREATY, HE SAID GON WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE IT AS WELL AS ANY OTHER ATTEMPTS TO MINIPULATE THE OAS TO REVERSE A TWO-THIRDS DECISION BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE. SOMOZA ADDED THAT, IF THE QUESTION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA WERE TO COME TO A VOTE, THE GON WOULD DEFINITELY VOTE TO MAINTAIN THEM AND WOULD ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO LIKEWISE.

3. IN CLOSING SOMOZA REITERATED HIS STRONG FEELINGS THAT THIS INITIATIVE SHOULD BE DEFEATED. HE SAID THAT IF IT COMES TO A SHOWDOWN VOTE AND THERE ARE ANY INDICATIONS THAT GUATEMALA OR EL SALVADOR MIGHT BE WEAKENING ON THE ISSUE HE IS WILLING PERSONALLY CALL PRESIDENTS ARANA AND MILINA AND URGE THEM TO STAND FIRM.
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